

Spartans slip up



Idaho senior running back Kama Bailey runs around the outstretched arms of Spartan senior cornerback Peyton Thompson during Idaho's 32-29 upset of SJSU, Idaho's first conference victory of the season. **Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily**

by Ron Gleeson
Sports Editor

A nightmarish fourth quarter for the SJSU football team took away something the team thought it had the throughout the majority of the game — the victory.

"We controlled 95 percent of the game and let it slip away," head coach Mike MacIntyre said following the Spartans' 32-29 loss to Idaho on Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

Idaho (2-7, 1-4 WAC) snapped a six-game losing streak by outgaining SJSU (3-6, 2-3 WAC) 219 to 89 and scoring 22 points in the fourth quarter alone, completely erasing the 20-point lead the Spartans held with 12:39 remaining in the second quarter.

"I told (the team) a lot of times in life you kind of get punched, you kind of think you have something that slips away,"

MacIntyre said. "You have to regroup, and in your own mind and in own heart have to come back and prepare to attack."

MacIntyre added that the players in the locker room were "hurting" after the loss.

Senior quarterback Matt Faulkner spent little time finding a word to describe the post-game mood in the locker room — "crushed."

"This is a tough loss to endure," he said. "We did too little, too late."

SJSU started off more in-sync and with more spark than any game so far this season, recovering two Idaho fumbles before the Vandals earned a single first down.

The first fumble came from the hands of junior Idaho wide receiver Mike Scott, recovered by junior defensive end Travis Johnson, who finished the game with four sacks — tying a school record.

The turnover resulted in a made field goal by senior place kicker Jens Alvernik

to give SJSU the first points of the afternoon.

Idaho's second turnover came on the ensuing kickoff — a fumble by Vandals' senior kick returner Matthew Harvey, forced by Spartan senior safety Alex Germany.

MacIntyre recognized being on the good end of turnover woes, as SJSU had committed 11 turnovers in its last two games.

"It helped us get off to a good start," he said. "We worked on that and it gave us a chance. We thought that if we won the turnover battle we would win the game."

Following the turnover, SJSU took over on the Idaho 24-yard line.

Faulkner connected with senior running back Brandon Rutley for a 21-yard catch and Rutley finished off the drive on the very next play, finding the end zone with a 3-yard touchdown run.

SEE FOOTBALL PAGE 2

Speakers explore Israeli and Palestinian views

by Chris Marian
and Jackson Wright
Staff Writers

While events unfold before the entire world, opposing voices at SJSU touched on the subject of Palestinian Chairman Mahmoud Abbas' application to the United Nations in the face of Israeli and U.S. opposition.

Yaakov Katz and Shira Wilkof both spoke about different topics on Israel in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library last week.

Katz, spoke Wednesday on his topic, "Israel's Security Needs in a Changing Middle East," for the Jewish Studies Program at SJSU.

Wilkof spoke at the library on her involvement with Israeli group, the Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement, usually shortened to simply "Sheikh Jarrah."

Katz, an American-born military correspondent at The Jerusalem Post newspaper and the Israel correspondent for Jane's Defense Weekly, spoke Wednesday in the Cultural Heritage Room of the King Library about his expertise in the subject of Israel's defense.

He focused on Israel's troubles and strategies in the region, in facing challenges with neighboring countries such as Lebanon, Syria and Egypt saying that in the situation with these two countries, "everything can and will change."

Katz said with these countries Israel's strategy is to deter its enemies by showcasing its military, which is smaller than those of its neighbors, but with an edge over them.

He said the leg up Israel has over its rivals comes through technology as well as through extensive training and intelligence.

"All of this is happening in part of a global effort to, on the one hand, thwart terrorist plans but also with eyes set on Iran, which without a doubt is the greatest challenge that Israel is facing," Katz said.

Wilkof, an Israeli-born student at UC Berkeley, was concerned mainly with introductory information on her group, Sheikh Jarrah.

The name comes from the East Jerusalem neighborhood in which, and for which, the group was born, Wilkof said.

According to Wilkof, the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood has changed hands several times between Jews and Arabs over the last century.

Before the state of Israel, she said the neighborhood was home to a Jewish enclave which was evacuated after the creation of the Jewish state when the neighborhood fell on the wrong side of the "Green Line" that ran through Jerusalem when Israel and Jordan still shared a border there.

During that time, Wilkof said the neighborhood was given by the Jordanian

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Greek groups lend hands to the needy

Campus fraternities and sororities raise money for charities

by Nick Celario
Staff Writer

For Blake Balajadia, assistant director of Fraternity and Sorority Life for Student Involvement, the notion of community service and philanthropy is personal — he recently lost a loved one to cancer.

"I don't know how to fix that, but we can contribute some money to people who do know how," Balajadia said.

As part of a mission to build character and enhance the college experience, SJSU Greek chapter members take part in community service to directly help others and plan philanthropic events to raise money for charitable organizations.

"The value of service is something that is a founding part of just about every fraternal order that we have on this campus," Balajadia said.

According to SJSU Fraternity and Sorority Life, 38 fraternity and sorority chapters together raised \$104,287 for charities or philanthropies and recorded 23,315 hours of community service in 2010.

"We are very privileged with what we have, even though it may not be a lot for some of us," Balajadia said. "It's our duty to give back to folks who may be aren't as (fortunate)."

Kappa Delta sorority held its philanthropy event, Carnival for Care, on Thursday.

"It's to support veterans and raise money for them," said Kappa Delta member Rachel Davis, a freshman communications major. "We (had) bounce houses, games and food and a whole lot of stuff"

Senior advertising major and Kappa Delta member Angel Hoffman said the Carnival for Care is one of several philanthropy events the sorority does year-round.

"We actually have our spring philanthropy, which is Shamrock Showcase," Hoffman said. "That's probably one of the biggest (philanthropy events) that is on campus annually. Even with that, we are kind of doing this just because we do want to continue reaching out."

She said the Shamrock Showcase is a lip-sync and dance competition that all the Greek organizations on campus can participate in.

The proceeds went to Prevent Child Abuse America and Child Quest International, organizations that seek to end child abuse.

Hoffman said last year's Shamrock Showcase raised \$17,000 for the organizations.

Nate Racela, a member of Alpha Kappa Omega, said the fraternity started planning for their spring philanthropy event, Vision Showcase, scheduled for Feb. 9.

Racela, a kinesiology major, said the proceeds from this event will go to Camp Taylor, a summer camp for children with heart disease.

"You can think of it as a concert, but we like to throw other acts in there," Racela said. "In the past, we've done spoken word, hip-hop acts, band acts and dance crews."

He said before the showcase begins, the audience is informed about the philanthropic organizations the event benefits.

"This year, we're actually going to have people from Camp Taylor come in and speak to the audience," Racela said.

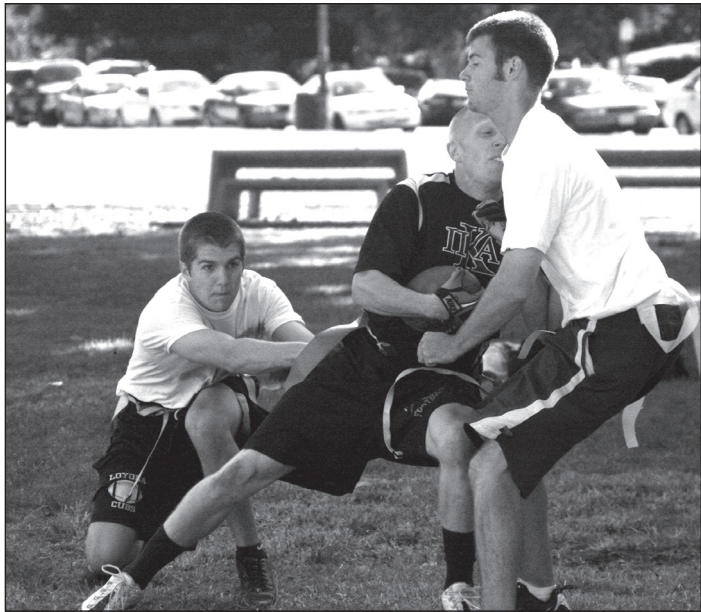
He said other activities the fraternity is involved with include breast cancer walks and adopting a park.

Nu Alpha Kappa president Ariel Jimenez stated in an email one of the philanthropies his fraternity does is work with underprivileged youth.

"We sponsor two schools during the holidays," Jimenez said. "They write a letter to Santa and we provide them with the gifts they asked for."

Balajadia said Greek members strive to meet a goal set either by the fraternity or sorority's national organization or by the chapter itself.

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Colton Petty (left) and Devon Tonneson of Sigma Alpha Epsilon try to stop Mark Milander (center) of Pi Kappa Alpha on Sunday's Turtle Bowl fundraiser at William Street Park. **Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily**

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SJSU men’s hoops tips off season strong in exhibition

Notre Dame de Namur no problem for SJSU despite sluggish start

by Scott Semmler
Staff Writer

SJSU basketball defeated the Argonauts of Notre Dame de Namur University in the Spartans’ first exhibition game of the 2011-12 season on Thursday night at the Event Center.

The Spartans rallied behind a breakout second half and were victorious over Notre Dame de Namur 78-50.

“We played all right,” said senior forward Wil Carter. “Obviously a lot of room for improvement, but this is normal for any first game under the lights.”

Both Carter and Spartan head coach George Nessman stressed that the team did start the game sluggish, but picked it up in the second half when they needed it most.

“All things added up, it was a positive night for us,” Nessman said. “We have things we need to develop and work on, but that’s what we should have in November.”

The team’s slow start in the first half was the result of simply missing open shots, as the team shot just 30 percent from the floor after one half of play.

“I think we were just a little tight because it was our first time under the lights,” Nessman said.

The team quickly changed its game plan, finding Carter in the post for several baskets midway through the first half, and the Spartans led 13-8.

Junior guard James Kinney was the biggest scorer of the first half, after go-to sophomore guard Keith Shamburger went 0-8 from the field early.

Kinney hit two three-pointers early in the game, and would tally ten points in the first half.

“James (Kinney) is the guy that people will say ‘I didn’t know he was this good,’” Nessman said. “He’s a pretty good player and he is going to have a big impact on our season.”

After leading by as much as 16 points toward the end of the first half, the Spartans failed to score in the final 2:46, and the Argonauts took full advantage by cutting the lead to just 29-19 at halftime.

SJSU came out with energy and sharp shooting to start the second half, and quickly pushed the lead up to 19 points within the first four minutes of play.

The run was fueled by Shamburger and senior guard Calvin Douglas, who both chipped in with three-pointers.



Sophomore guard Keith Shamburger rises over Notre Dame de Namur junior forward Erik Hartvigson (#33) on Thursday night at the Event Center. Photo by Dillon Engstrom / Contributing Photographer

Individual Statistics

James Kinney, G: 16 pts., 5 assists, 3 steals
Keith Shamburger, G: 12 pts., 4 assists, 1 steal
Wil Carter, F: 11 pts., 12 rebounds, 1 block

The Spartans’ lead fell back to 12 points halfway through the second half, but Shamburger’s 12 second-half points would put the Argonauts away for good.

SJSU’s lead shot back up to 21 points with four minutes to play in the game, and the Spartans would eventually win 78-50.

“Our theme in the locker room (at halftime) was to do the thing that we do,” Nessman said. “We just needed to keep grinding and find a place where we can get separation.”

Kinney would lead the team in points with 16, and Carter finished with a double-double, 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Kinney acknowledged that the victory was a good win for the team, but there is still need for improvement.

“The biggest problem we had with them tonight was defend-

ing the ball screen,” he said. “We also got really stagnant at times on offense and need to move the ball.”

Both Carter and Kinney credited the slow start to a little nervous energy for the start of a new season.

“It was the first game atmosphere jitters,” Kinney said. “You can see in the second half, we came out more relaxed and played more together.”

As for how the team will cope on the court with the departure of Adrian Oliver, one of the nation’s leading scorers a season ago, Nessman said he feels that balanced scoring may be the best solution.

“It’s a totally different formula,” he said. “(Oliver) is a unique person, but I’m fairly convinced that this team could be better than last year’s team and accomplish more than last year’s group.”

FOOTBALL: Spartans heartbroken

FROM PAGE 1

The Spartan first quarter scoring was not over yet.

Freshman running back Tyler Ervin took the ball in from 11 yards out to bring the score to 17-0, the most points SJSU has scored in the first quarter this season.

Idaho senior running back Kama Bailey scored the Vandals’ first points of the game with a two-yard touchdown run that came with just over nine minutes remaining in the first half.

Another field goal by Alvernink and a safety of Vandal sophomore back-up quarterback Taylor Davis by Johnson, the first for SJSU since 2004, brought the score to 22-7.

“(Johnson) brings his lunch pail every day and you always know you are going to get a good game out of him,” MacIntyre said.

The Vandals capped scoring in the first half with a booming 55-yard field goal from junior place kicker Trey Farquhar as time expired in the first half to bring Idaho’s deficit to 22-10.

The second half would be a completely different contest for the Spartans, despite a scoreless third quarter from both teams.

Idaho dominated the fourth quarter of play, creating the aforementioned nightmare for the Spartans.

Bailey started the comeback for Idaho with a 3-yard touchdown run on its second possession of the fourth quarter.

Davis connected with sophomore tight end Michael LaGrone for another touchdown, the first of Davis’ season, to give Idaho its first lead of the contest with 3:59 left in the game.

SJSU showed a lackluster performance on its first drive after surrendering the lead — a three and out possession.

The Vandals got the ball back after a punt with assumed intentions of running out the clock, which would change after a third down, 70-yard run by Bailey to the SJSU 10 yard-line.

Bailey finished with a game-high 164 rushing yards on 19 carries and the two touchdowns.

Idaho junior running back Ryan Bass finished off what Bailey started — a one-yard touchdown run to put Idaho up by 10 with 1:49 to play.

To its credit, the SJSU offense finally woke up on its next drive,

back. It’s obviously disappointing but you have to give them credit.”

Johnson said when he looked up at the 20-0 score early in the second quarter he was “stoked.”

“We should have won,” he said. “We need to get over this one because it hurt — we all feel it.”

The Spartan offense was somewhat quiet throughout the entire duration of the game, running many short passes and screen plays, and did not air out a pass until Faulkner connected with Otten for the fourth quarter score.

For the second game in a row, the Spartan running game was also lethargic, recording 68 yards compared to Idaho’s 183.

When asked what the problem is with the running game, MacIntyre answered, “I don’t know.”

“We thought we had some things worked out, but we definitely did not run it well and that’s a big problem for us,” he said. “If we were able to run the ball we would have won the game — we would have kept the clock running and had more balance.”

Faulkner, who finished with 289 yards on 29 for 41 passing, said the Spartans’ season is far from over, still needing three wins for bowl eligibility with three games left on the schedule — two on the road.

“We can find a way to win three games in a row — we still have a chance to go to a bowl game,” he said. “This can still be a very good year and we are definitely capable of doing it. We just have to pull together as a team and fight.”

“Everyone watching thought it would be a blowout. They made the plays and we didn’t make enough.”

- Matt Faulkner, senior quarterback

which proved successful with a 47-yard touchdown pass from Faulkner to junior tight end Ryan Otten.

However, just as Faulkner said, the Spartans’ effort was too little, too late.

“We just didn’t make the plays we needed to, and they made them at the end,” Faulkner said. “Everyone watching thought it would be a blowout. They made the plays and we didn’t make enough.”

Despite shutting the Spartan offense down for a nearly scoreless second half, Faulkner said the Idaho defense was very “vanilla” in that it was somewhat plain and did not show anything too difficult but gave credit where it was due.

“They were very sound,” he said. “We just need to find a way to move the ball when we are struggling, and that falls on me being the leader — the quarter-

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■ MOVIE REVIEW

New Ben Stiller film blends together genres and charm

★★★★☆

by Chris Marian
Staff Writer

“Tower Heist” is a movie that makes itself vulnerable to a lot of preconceptions — most of which are true, but not exactly in the manner you might expect.

The title implies that it’s a heist movie, and it is — all the requisite ingredients are there.

The presence of Ben Stiller in the leading role implies that the movie is a comedy, and it is indeed fairly funny, though not as much as you might expect.

If pressed, I’d have to describe “Tower Heist” as a sort of hybrid between a lightweight heist flick like “The Italian Job,” a comedic parody like “Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story,” and a spicy dash of timely populist rage.

The movie revolves around a misfit gang of would-be thieves, all current or former employees of a luxury residential apartment tower owned, and lived in, by a man called Arthur Shaw.

Shaw is an analogue of Bernie Madoff, and when the Feds finally come to drag him away, his former employees are left with the realization that their former boss had swindled all of their money.

It’s a timely and evocative beginning and it leaves a handful of a disgruntled employees, like so many of us today, demanding

justice, in this case through robbery.

I won’t bother describing the rest of the plot, because I don’t have to.

Its a heist movie, you can probably guess how it’ll play out.

Ben Stiller stars as Josh Kovacs, former building manager at the titular tower and ringleader of the merry band of misfits.

Ben Stiller might be best known for his over-the-top comedic performances in films such as “Tropic Thunder,” “Dodgeball,” and “Zoolander” just to name a few, but his performance in “Tower Heist” is a bit more serious and subdued than what I was expecting from a movie that’s been tagged as a “Ben Stiller comedy.”

It’s hard to say if this is a bad thing.

Stiller deftly transitions, minute by minute, between the earnest seriousness of a classic leading man and the comedic neurosis of his more typical roles.

I think it’s a testament to the man’s acting ability, or at least experience, that he can pull off playing both funny and serious in the same movie and make it look graceful.

Eddie Murphy stars as “Slide,” a petty thief Kovacs bails out of jail to help — hilariously — tutor his white-collar crew in the art of larceny.

I’ve seen some complaints



(From left to right) Ben Stiller, Matthew Broderick, Michael Pena, Casey Affleck and Eddie Murphy get together to take revenge on a

corrupt businessman in the new comedy “Tower Heist” by Universal Pictures. Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

about Slide being a racial stereotype — well of course he is, that’s the joke, and Murphy plays it gleefully to the hilt.

Tea Leoni stars as FBI agent Claire Denham, who finds herself both a player and a bystander in the feud between Kovacs and Shaw.

Leoni mostly gets sidelined once the heist gets rolling, but she steals every scene she gets.

One of my favorite scenes is early in the movie, when Kovacs and Denham go get drunk at a local bar.

The two actors, especially Leoni, make the scene both hilarious and real — Leoni manages to make her drunken slurs simultaneously disgusting and charming.

By far the most memorable performance comes from Alan Alda, who imbues his character, Arthur Shaw, with a kind of petty, pedestrian evil that makes him a uniquely loathsome presence on screen.

I said before that “Tower Heist” is something of a hybrid, and if I had to put my finger on a weakness it would be there.

I wanted more of the funny bits, and while the heist action was pleasing in itself, I would have gladly seen some of it sacrificed to give these brilliant comedic actors more room to play.

That said, for all its inconsistencies, “Tower Heist” did have one very important consistency — I was thoroughly entertained.



“Tower Heist” premiered on Nov. 4 and currently has a 6.7 out of 10 rating on IMDb.com. Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

Opera San Jose comes to King Library

by Anastasia Crosson
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A national campaign to introduce opera to new audiences brought Opera San Jose to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library to deliver two free performances last week.

The week of outreach, from Oct. 28 through Nov. 6 this year, was coordinated by OPERA America, a New York-based service organization for opera with an international membership including about 150 professional opera companies.

“Some people who have never been to an opera house may be intimidated,” said Patricia Johnson, a representative of OPERA America. “If we can take opera out of that environment and into, for example, a library or park, it can be accessible and fun for anyone.”

This year’s National Opera Week marks the third year OPERA America has coordinated the program, Johnson said.

According to her, about 100 organizations in 31 states, including professional opera companies and schools, participated in the weeklong festivities and public programs.

Opera San Jose participated with a performance of selected duets and solos from an upcoming double-bill main stage production of “Pagliacci” and “La voix humaine,” on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and a performance of “Hansel and Gretel,” on Friday.

With the first performance aimed at an adult audience and the second for school-aged children, Opera San Jose created a program for anyone interested in musical performance, said Lettie Smith, the opera company’s education coordinator.

“It’s our mission to educate all generations and demographics of people,” said Smith.

Even when it is not National Opera Week, Opera San Jose has a number of programs intended to educate youth of all ages about opera, according to Smith.

While the recent “Hansel and Gretel” performance in the King Library was free and open to the public, schools can book a one-act version of the Engelbert Humperdinck classic for a fee.

Other in-school presentations Opera San Jose provides include a Vocal or Drama Masterclass, in which a company member visits a middle or high school choral group or musical theater to teach aspects of performance such as vocal technique or character development.

The opera company also holds final dress rehearsals and student matinees in-house, in California Theater at 345 South First St., which fourth to 12th-grade students attend.

“It’s very important that we develop future audiences and we need to reach out to kids at this age,” Smith said. “The arts are important to a child’s education.”

Smith said this type of educational outreach is made possible by supporting organizations, such as a recent \$25,000 grant Opera San Jose received from the National Endowment for the Arts, an organization which also provides support for OPERA America’s National Opera Week.

With the grant supporting Opera San Jose’s National Opera Week activities, Smith said she hoped the free performances would pique the interest of people from all backgrounds in the company’s 2011-12 season beginning next week.

“National Opera Week comes just before Opera San Jose’s main stage production opening,” Smith said. “This program dispels the notion that opera is only for the blue-haired crowd.”

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Out-of-this-world event lands at SJSU

Star Parties show science behind comets, meteors and other celestial bodies

by Jeremy Infusino
and Scott Semmler
Staff Writers

The rain might have deterred some stargazers who were anxious to view stars in the night sky through a telescope, but nearly 30 people, professors, students and onlookers still attended the first Bay Area Star Party on campus Saturday evening.

Michael Kaufman, a professor of physics and astronomy, said while the telescopes would not be used because of the evening’s rain and overcast weather, there would still be presentations in room 142 of the Science building.

Kaufman helped organize the Star Party at SJSU, which took place at 6 p.m., along with members of the campus Physics and Astronomy Club.

“The idea was to have astronomy events around the Bay Area,” he said. “What we decided to do was use this as a way to bring people to campus. So rather than go to a real dark site where we could only do nighttime observing, we decided to make an event where we would have telescopes out on Tower Lawn.”

The weather was not what those in charge expected, but Kaufman and others were prepared with several alternatives to stargazing.

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific organized the first Star Party as part of the Bay Area Science Festival and locations included SJSU, Foothill College, Evergreen Valley College, the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, as well as at 16 other sites.

Professional and amateur astronomers were on location to help anyone who wanted to learn more or needed observing tips, and they brought telescopes through which much of the crowd took turns observing the night sky.



Physics graduate student Jessica Roberts compares the sizes of the Earth and the moon with model planets during SJSU’s Star Party event in the Science building on Saturday night. Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily

The festival, in its first year, took place Oct. 29 through Nov. 6 and featured a series of events to show off the Bay Area’s important role in science and technology.

The event supplied lectures, experiments, demonstrations and other activities involving the use of telescopes to entertain the audience.

Dry ice, water, corn syrup, ammonia and dirt were all it took to create a miniature comet during one of the demonstrations at SJSU’s Star Party.

The main topics discussed were NASA’s Kepler Mission, a search for habitable planets outside our solar system, and the search for meteorites in Antarctica.

Daniel Loy, president of the physics and astronomy club, said the department chair asked them to set up three demonstrations for the children who came out that night.

“We showed them scale models of the solar system, moon phases and let them draw on constellations,” said Loy, a senior physics major. “Our job was to help the young kids get interested in science.”

Nitin and Shalaka Tarkan were parents who brought their two young children to the SJSU Star Party.

“We wanted to get them exposure,” Nitin said. “It was nice for the kids but we also got to learn.”

Shalaka said she got the information about the event from the Bay Area Science website and thought the event was pretty good.

“We loved the comet making,” she said. “That was really impressive.”

Along with the Star Party, Discovery Days and Wonder Dialogues accompanied a week of science for the Bay Area.

The Discovery Days consisted of a series of events showcasing hands-on experiments, demonstrations and theatrical performances throughout the week, while Wonder Dialogues was a series of lectures from accomplished scientific researchers.

The event at Foothill was hosted by Andrew Fraknoi, an astronomy professor at Foothill College, and the American Astronomical Society’s 1994 Annenberg Foundation Award winner for a lifetime of contributions to astronomy education.

King Library predicts future of web at digital conference

by Nick Celario
Staff Writer

The SJSU school of library and information science sponsored the Library 2.011 Worldwide Virtual Conference held last Wednesday and Thursday.

During the two-day conference, more than 6,000 participants from 153 countries, spanning 36 time zones, gathered online to promote libraries and librarianship.

“As we shift to the Internet, education is more about learning how to learn instead of content,” said Steve Hargadon, co-chair of the virtual event. “There is incredible potential for this kind of learning activity around the world.”

He said another purpose of event was to encourage the use of online conferencing and social networking for education.

“Virtual conferencing) expands the group of people that can be gathered together,” Hargadon said.

He said attempting a physical gathering of the same magnitude would be impossible as he estimated an actual conference with as many participants as the online event would cost more than \$30 million, and coordinating an event with that many people is impossible because there just isn’t enough room space for everyone.

“A lot of companies that we want to (work for) are global,” said senior accounting major Bobby Zerby. “We got to know how to be able to do conferences long distance. This technology will save money on flights, time going to different places and help out a lot just being able to connect with people globally.”

Sandra Hirsh, professor and director of the school of library and information science, said her department came to sponsor the event when Hargadon approached her with the idea of running a global virtual conference for libraries shortly after they met in September 2010.

“Librarians are underappreciated to the degree where they represent the fu-

ture,” Hargadon said. “Librarians represent what I imagine what teachers will be in the future.”

Hirsh said the conference would be similar to the virtual Global Education Conference Hargadon held in November 2010.

“The vision for both of these conferences was for them to be free and as inclusive as possible, fully online and a new approach to conferences,” Hirsh said in an email response. “Given that (Hargadon’s) background is more in education, he was interested in finding a partner from the library and information science field who shared the same vision.”

Hirsh said she, Hargadon and Linda Main, associate director of the school of library and information science, started planning the event last spring and took six months to put everything together.

“In fact, many times during this six month period, Steve, Linda and I were in different countries,” Hirsh said. “However, we were always able to keep the planning process moving forward. So not only was the Library 2.011 conference fully online, so also was our planning process.”

Hirsh said the technology is not new for the department because the school is “100 percent online.”

“Our school has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as No. 1 in library and information science eLearning,” Hirsh said.

She said the school uses Blackboard Collaborate, previously known as Elluminate, an online platform for online instruction and web conferencing.

Hirsh said the university has a license to use Elluminate so it could be used across campus in the future.

“In my major, I don’t think they’ve touched bases on this type of technology,” said senior kinesiology major Alex Dillon. “I haven’t really heard any of my teachers, and a lot of them are up-to-date with technology, about the use of this type of (online) interaction.”

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

Previous Puzzle Solved

4	2	1	6	7	3	5	8	9
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8	4	7	1	6	5	3	9	2
5	1	3	9	4	2	6	7	8

How to Play

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 by 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Stylish
- 5. Sinker, e.g.
- 10. "Smooth Operator" singer
- 14. Babe with a bat
- 15. Think the world of
- 16. Jackdaw relative
- 17. Away from the sea wind
- 18. Signal to pull over
- 19. White House employee
- 20. Painter Chagall
- 21. Muscle fitness
- 22. Passion
- 23. Clove hitch, e.g.
- 25. Neighbor of Ga.
- 26. Come before the court
- 29. Where you might get a word in edgewise
- 34. The key of G has one
- 35. Triton's milieu
- 36. Did not follow
- 37. Hooch hounds
- 38. Type of goose
- 39. "Brian's Song" star James
- 40. Had a business lunch
- 41. Bright
- 42. Dishes for fancy meals
- 43. Game with a jail
- 45. "Lowest score wins" card game
- 46. First "O" of O-O-O
- 47. Unrefined chap
- 48. General Powell
- 51. Algerian city
- 53. All tucked in for the night
- 57. Medley
- 58. Brick clay
- 59. Challenge word
- 60. They end up in hot water
- 61. Customary practices
- 62. Musical Clapton
- 63. A few
- 64. Posed to propose
- 65. Be "it" in a playground game

Previous Puzzle Solved

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20	E	L	E	P	21	H	A	N	T	22	S	T	R	U	N	K
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65	L	E	A	R	N	66	R	E	N	O	67	L	I	C	E	
68	I	S	L	E	T	69	E	R	G	O	70	E	L	S	E	

DOWN

- 1. Study like mad
- 2. Hawaiian skirt
- 3. Roman way
- 35. Verbal
- 38. University VIP
- 39. Activity in which you might tug on an earlobe
- 41. Washer or dryer action
- 42. Corporate VIP
- 44. Slothful
- 45. "I'm telling the truth!"
- 47. Biblical tower
- 48. Camp beds
- 49. Bread spread
- 50. "Schindler's List" star Neeson
- 51. Norse war god
- 52. Repetitive learning method
- 54. Without a stitch on
- 55. Port between Buffalo and Cleveland
- 56. Where to find two black
- 58. Flood refuge

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WESSIDE STORY

by Wesley Dugle

Gabrielle Giffords:
A lesson in strength



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In life, people go through all sorts of stress and drama that can bring them down.

With the home stretch approaching for the semester and term papers and projects coming in, school can seem stressful these days.

Friends can start to get irritable around this time and relationships can get strenuous.

For some, the stresses of life can become too much to handle and it may even seem like there is no escape from their problems.

Ofentimes they quit and give up on their work and what they want in life.

But in times like these you have to dig deep and find that little something to get you over the hump.

It can be seeing a good score on your test, finally getting with that girl or boy you want to be with or just finding something to believe in.

For me, I have found inspiration in recovering U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

For those who may have forgotten, Giffords, an Arizona congresswoman, is the politician who was shot in the head in a horrific incident that took place in Tucson, Ariz., on Jan. 8, 2011, that claimed the lives of six people.

After some news outlets pronounced her dead at the scene it was discovered that she was only in serious condition, and 10 months later, after relearning to do almost everything from speaking to walking, it seems Giffords may actually make a full recovery and even return to Congress.

In an article I read by the Associated Press on Yahoo, writers Amanda Lee Myers and Michelle Price detailed this emotional story of strength and perseverance by Giffords and her husband Mark Kelly, a U.S. astronaut.

In a new book titled “Gabby: A Tale of Courage and Hope,” Giffords’ husband details the 10 months of recovery and how Giffords reacted when she found out about the six who died that day on March 12, two months after the shooting.

Some of them included her close friends.

It was really tear-jerking for me to read how she had to learn about these deaths several months later.

Such a traumatic event would break most people, but as I read on, I saw how far along she has come from being shot.

I read about how she slowly relearned how to speak, starting off with only a few words to describe people.

I chuckled when I read how she

responded when asked to identify former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“Messing around. Babies,” she said, in apparent reference to Arnie’s marital problems.

Despite this long process of recovery it was astounding to see that she was still able to make it to the House floor to vote on the debt ceiling on Aug. 1.

To see someone making a comeback from such a traumatic experience is truly impressive and it’s something I think people should take note of with their own struggles.

I’m not saying anyone’s stresses or troubles are worth less than what Giffords went through, but I think the most important thing to take from her road to recovery is that there is always a way to overcome your hardships in life.

When drama, school or just plain old everyday problems get you down it should never be an excuse to give up.

In the end, your time is better spent trying to right your troubles than letting them defeat you.

What Giffords has done to overcome what happened to her is nothing short of amazing, and it shows to everyone that no matter what the struggle is, you can always find the strength and perseverance to overcome it within you.

So I say bravo Ms. Giffords, for showing us all the meaning of courage.

Clubs: Give us a reason to be involved



By
Danreb
Victorio

SJSU is known by many to be a commuter campus, meaning that the students simply come to school, attend their classes and leave.

With the homework we have, shifts we have to work, and other things going on in our lives, a large number of us do fall into the category of “commuter students.”

But at the same time, student groups such as A.S. strongly encourage the student body to take part in extracurricular activities. Even the university has tried to intervene in the everyday lives of people by forcing students who don’t live within a close enough range to campus to dorm — even if there isn’t any room for them.

There just isn’t enough time in the day to be involved.

For me, however — a person who thrives on being busy — I like doing extra work.

Throughout my time in high school and here at SJSU, I’ve been a very involved student. In high school, I was a football player, took part in spirited pep rallies and I was an officer of the school’s Filipino club.

Here on campus, I do all the same things, except football — let’s face it, the odds of a 5-foot-5-inch benchwarmer in high school being a factor in the collegiate level are slim to none.

As a former president and member of Akbayan, the Filipino-American organization on campus, I took part in and helped lead more than 100 events last year. As a result, Student Involvement presented the organization with the “Organization of the Year” plaque.

As great an achievement as that was for me and the other leaders of the organization, it pales in comparison to the benefits that similar organizations on other campuses get.

Akbayan is partnered with the Pilipino-American Collegiate Endeavor of San Francisco State University and the Pilipino American Student Association of Cal State East Bay. Together, they’re called the Triforce, and a lot of the events and programs the organizations hold are very similar to one another.

For example, the biggest event all three organizations hold on their own is called Pilipino Cultural Night, a theatrical event about Philippine culture that encompasses a theatrical play, authentic cultural dance and music and hip hop.

The end result is a big performance that leaves its performers in awe of how much they learned through months of practice.

Cal State East Bay’s organization awards three units to all their Pilipino Cultural Night participants for theater and Asian studies credit.

The members of SJSU’s and SFSU’s organizations don’t get that benefit.

All three organizations also

have an internship program that teaches its participants about leading an organization on campus, ethnic history and leadership in general.

The organization at SFSU awards its interns with academic credit for Asian American studies.

Neither SJSU or CSUEB does that.

See the pattern here? SFSU and CSUEB don’t give the same credits for everything, but unlike SJSU, at least they give credits.

I know there are other organizations on other college campuses that provide academic credit to students who take part in extracurricular activities too, and I bet quite a few of them are also considered commuter campuses.

In a way, being a writer here at the Spartan Daily is also an extracurricular activity. Not a lot of people know this publication is the result of the Journalism 135 course.

If SJSU really insists on keeping students involved, it needs to provide us with better reasons to get involved. I’m not saying pay us like the A.S. government, but at least give us academic credit for being involved.

Being involved takes work, and it’s the same time we put into our regular courses.

A lot of the things we do as officers and members of clubs on campus requires us to apply the knowledge gathered from lessons in classes and everyday life.

Aside from keeping us involved, it would help us graduate, and that’s the ultimate goal for everybody at this school.



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ISRAEL: Exploring controversial borders

FROM PAGE 1

government to Palestinian refugees from the other side of the line.

After the 1967 war, the neighborhood changed hands yet again, and although the Palestinian residents were not forced to leave immediately, Wilkof described a concentrated effort by actors in the Israeli government to use both legal and extralegal means to evict the Arab residents in favor of Jewish settlers, often occupying the same houses the Palestinians were forced to vacate hours earlier.

“This is illegal, and it’s unjust,” she said, citing international condemnation of the Israeli government’s settler programs.

Even the United States, Israel’s closest ally, refuses to recognize their legality, she said.

Wilkof showed pictures and videos of the evictions and their aftermath to a small audience in the King Library last week.

There were some images of small houses, brightly festooned with Israeli flags, with the front yard still littered with possessions of the former occupants, now living in the street or in tents.

Wilkof also showed images and videos of the new occupants themselves, who she described as ultra-right-wing nationalists, often with connections to the police and military.

She showed images of stern faced men with pistols and sunglasses whom she identified as the private security forces employed by the Israeli government to guard the settlers and keep out the riffraff.

One audience member asked Wilkof why it wasn’t possible for the settlers and the Palestinians to live in mixed neighborhoods.

“I wish it was a reality,” she said. “But I can tell you, a Jew-

ish neighborhood is a Jewish neighborhood. They (the settlers) have guards on the corners checking to see if you are an Arab or a Jew, or even a Leftist Jew.”

She said the solidarity movement which takes its name from the neighborhood started out as a bunch of “oddball” students from the nearby Hebrew University.

Galvanized by the injustices they saw in Sheikh Jarrah, the small group of students began protesting, and marched through the neighborhood on a daily basis, she said.

Wilkof described how the protests had grown with unexpected speed, one night having more than 4,000 people in one place, with both Israelis and local Palestinians in the same crowd.

They were under attack from the local police, and even the army, from day one, she said.

Wilkof said the protesters were strictly nonviolent, and although they were frequently arrested, few if any were ever actually tried, thanks to the tactic of filming any encounters with the police so the protesters would have direct evidence to refute the claims of the security services in court.

Wilkof said she considered the Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement a success in its own limited way, but was more cautious with her optimism when it came to the larger Israeli-Palestinian issue as a whole.

To become the 194th member of the United Nations, Katz said the Palestinians would have to receive a majority vote in the U.N. Security Council, a 15-member council including France, the United Kingdom, Russia, China and the United States, all of which hold veto power on decisions.

“I think that Palestinians



Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (top left) and other Palestinian delegates attend the UN General Assembly on Wednesday, Sept. 21. **Photo by Carolyn Cole / MCT**

have made it quite clear that they are moving forward on a unilateral track,” Katz said in his speech at the King Library. “They’re moving toward the establishment of an independent state with total disregard to negotiations, which is unfortunate.”

Katz said he questions the Palestinians’ motive in this move, going against Israel’s continued call for negotiations on the establishment of a Palestinian state, which is in Israel’s “two-state solution.”

“You don’t become a country because you declare to become a country,” Katz said. “For the Palestinians to become the 194th member in the United Nations, which needs to receive Security Council approval and receive a majority in the vote there, they have to do it through negotiations.”

He said no matter what happens in the council’s decision, there will be a U.S. veto.

“(One cannot be) sure where it stands right now,” Katz said. “It’s unclear if they even have a

majority without the U.S. veto, but there definitely will be a U.S. veto.”

Katz said he feels this attempt for statehood is just another move in a line of events that push to “de-legitimize and isolate Israel.”

Wilkof had different ideas about Palestine’s bid for statehood.

“I think it’s a wonderful thing,” she said.

She said she believed the current generation of Israeli youth was far more racist and nationalistic than her own, thanks to growing up during the Intifada and with the Israeli government dominated by far-right politicians.

Still, Wilkof said she sees a great deal of hope in the Palestinians’ bid for statehood at the U.N.

She said Israel had been systematically cutting off all but violent options for the Palestinian people, and coercing a reluctant U.S. to do the same — to be, as Wilkof put it, “on the wrong side of history.”

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FUNDRAISERS: Service represents tradition



Christian Gutierrez of Lambda Theta Pi plays Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire” during a fundraiser in Morris Dailey Auditorium. **Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily**

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Cesar Delgadillo, recruitment chair for Alpha Tau Omega, said all members of the fraternity are required to reach 20 hours of community service by the end of the semester.

Balajadia said because the chapters value service and philanthropy, it can sometimes expose their members to new ideas and get them to care more about others.

“It’s like what Cesar Chavez said, ‘The goal of education should be the service of others,’” Balajadia said.

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